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PATENT  
Docket No. GC 278-C3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  
Bott et al. Group Art Unit: 1652  
Serial No. 09/955,555 Examiner: Hutson, Richard  
Filed: September 17, 2001  
For: Enzymatic Array and Process of  
Making Same

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Restriction Requirement (Paper No. 8), mailed December 19, 2002 in the above-identified patent application. A One-Month Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith. Therefore, this Response is being filed on or before the current due date of February 19, 2003. The Examiner has required restriction among the following groups:

Group I, Claims 1-16, drawn to a composition comprising one or more enzymes non-covalently bound to a peptide backbone, classified in class 435, subclass 175; and

Group II, Claims 17-29, drawn to a method for producing a composition comprising an array of enzymes bound to a peptide backbone, classified in class 435, subclass 69.1.

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the invention in Group I, Claims 1-16, drawn to a composition comprising one or more enzymes non-covalently bound to a peptide backbone.

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Applicants traverse this restriction requirement and believe that a search and examination of the entire application (or Groups I and II) can be made without serious burden to the Examiner, see MPEP sections 803 and 808.

Applicants reserve the right to file subsequent applications claiming the non-elected subject matter and do not waive any of their rights or abandon any non-elected subject matter. Applicants have fully and completely responded to the Office Action and have made the required election. This application is now in order for early action.

Respectfully submitted,

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